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people in the committees. The committee could have an executive session. There was no press necessarily there. You didn't know what votes were taken. Bills would come out of there, but today by rule, we have recorded votes that are taken by everyone, particularly if you are going to advance or indefinitely postpone a bill. They are marked. Look in your laptops. Look in your bill books. You'll find on the committee statement we publish now who votes for a bill to advance it or to indefinitely postpone it, and this is a matter of procedure that after we looked at the constitution of the Legislature's workings that we think that it is a good idea go continue with the idea of having more open information about what the Legislature does. We do it by rule. We should put it into the constitution that those things will be open and discoverable about how people vote, particularly given our Unicameral system, that many do say that the committee system is our second house, and those votes will be adequately available, and they'll be part of our public record. We do it today by rule. I think we should do it by constitution. And, again, it is not on an amendment, so if you...you know, you won't be publishing volumes of things. This is on advancement or to kill the bill. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Is there any discussion on the advancement of LR 10? Seeing none, Senator Kristensen waives closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LR 10. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the resolution.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LR 10CA advances. LR 25CA.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LR 25CA was introduced by Senators Kristensen and Warner. (Read brief summary.) The resolution was introduced on January 9 of this year, referred to the Executive Board. That committee reports the bill to General File with no amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Kristensen to open on the resolution.